

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-109-E - ORDER NO. 1999-181

MARCH 10, 1999

IN RE:	Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas)	ORDER APPROVING	✓MR
	Company for Approval of an Electric Service)	CONTRACT &	
	Contract Between SCE&G and)	ACCORDING	
	Bridgestone/Firestone South Carolina)	CONFIDENTIAL	
	Company.)	TREATMENT	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of a contract for electric service between the Company and Bridgestone/Firestone South Carolina Company (Bridgestone). SCE&G also asks that the contract be accorded confidential protection pursuant to S.C. Code Regs. 103-804 (Y)(2)(a) and (b)(Supp. 1998).

The contract under consideration is for electric service provided to Bridgestone's plant near Aiken. Apparently, it was necessary to offer this contract in order to attract this facility into South Carolina, and, specifically, SCE&G's service area. SCE&G states that because of the commercial sensitivity of certain provisions of this contract as well as the highly competitive nature of the industry in which Bridgestone operates, the Company requests that the contract be received under seal for Commission review, and that the contract further be accorded confidential protection, pursuant to the above-named Commission regulation. Bridgestone supports the granting of confidentiality.


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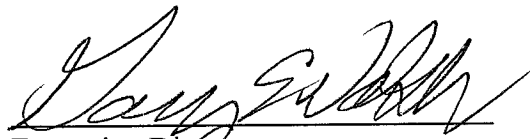
We have reviewed the contract, and hereby approve it as being fair and reasonable under the circumstances. We also declare the contract “not to be a Public Record,” pursuant S.C. Code Regs. 103-804(Y)(2) (Supp. 1998), and declare that it should be accorded confidential treatment, due to the commercially sensitive nature of the industry in which Bridgestone is engaged, and due to the fact that that industry is highly competitive.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)